

THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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PRICE 50 CENTS

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opened a GENERAL store at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

NOTICES.

Regular services at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

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VORDEN,

FROM VALDES TO FORTY MILE.

A United States Military Expedition Makes the Trip.

Map all Wrong—Rivers Found to Be Running in Opposite Directions—Rivers Where None Are Marked—Lost Four Horses.

Lieutenant P. G. Lowe, first lieutenant of the Eighteenth United States infantry, arrived in Dawson this week after a trip the like of which he will probably never take again. Captain Abercrombie, in charge of an exploring expedition, started Lieutenant Lowe out in charge of expedition No. 2 from Valdes inlet about April 19. He had four men and 11 horses carrying 150 pounds of provisions apiece. They commenced their bold trip by ascending Valdes glacier to a height of 950 feet above sea level and then struck across country. They found at once that even the best government maps of the interior were entirely wrong and they had to take their bearings from well known mountain peaks and travel largely with a compass. Copper river had to be crossed twice on the route, though on the whole the route was principally over high and comparatively level grass land which kept the horses in the finest condition. From Valdes the route gone over was nearly north and south veering around east to reach Forty Mile tributaries. Tanana was crossed at its head waters. All went well until the Forty Mile district was entered when the nature of the country changed and became more and more precipitous. Heavy fresh snow was encountered on the divide which exhausted the horses and cost two of them their lives. The early frost had touched the grass and the horses commenced to suffer for want of better feed than the wilted grass. Near the mouth of Miller creek the moss was deeper and softer than the soft snow above and another horse succumbed. The fourth horse surrendered his existence in the swamps, but on September 21 the entire party reached Forty Mile in the best of condition and was delighted with the trip.

The lieutenant was in Dawson on his way to the outside by the up-river route to report to his superiors. He gathered voluminous information of the country he traversed, and smiles grimly when asked concerning the "All American Route to the Yukon." As a summer adventure she is all right but as a route of travel well language would be hardly found strong enough to condemn its promoters if such there be. It differs from the Edmonton route only in its length, for the lieutenant believes it to be but 400 miles from Valdes inlet to Forty Mile city.

Prospecting parties were found occasionally, but nothing in the way of rich discoveries was reported.

Dawson Americans declared it was good for sore eyes to see a familiar "blue jacket" in our streets. Mr. Lowe is very much of a gentleman, and his affable courtesy coupled with intelligent and industrious perseverance in following orders should mean military preference and will do so unless we are much mistaken.

Steamboats.

The Governor Pingree, New York and Phillip B. Love came in Sunday lashed together. The New York is an engineless boat and was being towed as a barge, the Pingree behind and the Love alongside. The barge held 400 tons of supplies, having lost St. Michaels with 600 tons, while on the steamer were some 350 tons more. Fifty-two days were consumed in the ascent of the river and a second barge was abandoned at Port Yukon. The abandoned barge contained government supplies and the steamer Seattle has been chartered to fetch it up to Dawson. Captains Henry Bailey and John Russell, together with First Officers Wm. Bryant and Geo. Hursley, are to be congratulated upon overcoming the many difficulties met by their overloaded craft.

A Pleasure Trip.

The Wyvern was out for a jaunt on Sunday in the care of Mr. E. M. Bruce, the owner. Mr. Bruce brought her with him from England and has good reason to be proud of her river qual-

ities. She is 47 feet long and draws between two and three feet of water. Aboard were Messrs. William Ogilvie, Colonel Steete, Captain Starnes, E. M. Bruce, Arthur Lang, Drenkins and Whitehouse, with "Syd" Gillis at the wheel. She "bucked" the stream for an hour and returned in 17 minutes. She has a speed of 15 miles per hour in smooth water, and her hull is built of substantial teak and mahogany.

Not by Proxy.

The following notice appeared upon the gold commissioner's door on Tuesday:

On and after the date hereof all applications for abstracts of titles for mineral claims must be made to the gold commissioner either in person or by letter and to be valid they must bear the personal signature of the gold commissioner.

For ordinary abstracts a fee of \$2.50 will be charged; where special search and labor is demanded the fee will be doubled.

TOOK THE BOX AND CONTENTS.

Smith & Hobbs' Office Burglarized and the Strong Box Found Back of Office.

Friday night some person or persons entered the office of Messrs. Smith & Hobbs by forcing the door and took from there a wooden box in which it is customary during the day to keep the money taken in and the money to be paid out. Next morning someone reported to the police the finding of the empty box on the hill back of the cemetery, broken open and rifled of all its contents. Fortunately it was not the habit of the firm to leave the sacks of gold in the box at night, and the robbers only got some \$10 in change, which had been left over. The perpetrators were evidently well acquainted with the ground, for they first covered the windows of the adjacent building with gunny sacks. The door was pried from the door with a pick and the box quietly taken away. A key hole saw and auger found near the box were the implements used in forcing it open. Three holes back of the lock and then a little sawing allowed the raising of the lid. Mr. Kobbe returned home about midnight and everything appeared all right. The night watchman saw and heard nothing. The perpetrators were evidently well acquainted with the habits and hours of everyone round the mill and factory, as is evidenced by their failing to be seen by anyone.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

The past four days have been quiet. H. Barnes, P. Thompson, J. Cunningham and M. J. McNamara contributed \$20 and costs under compulsion for being bowled.

G. Buckley was sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs, and ordered to pay a damage of \$20 to John Rae for injuring his property. He paid both.

Mr. Menelle was another gentleman who shot off a rifle within the city limits and threatened himself at police headquarters for doing it. He was cautioned and went away rejoicing.

Charles Williamson got six months hard labor for playing a naughty game on the Northern. He tried to blow in a sack of clay, pretending it was gold. The trick was discovered and Charles now languishes in jail.

Ernest Wagner was followed down the Yukon by a man whose fish-net he had brought with him, all of which is contrary to statutes in such cases made and provided. Ernest claimed the man owed him for work on the net, so upon payment of \$5 to the wage-earner the slench was allowed to take his property.

Bank Morrison had to pay a fine of \$25 and costs, to which was added a reward of \$50 to the man who had informed on him. It appears that Morrison had started a lumber fire on Henderson creek and had then gone off and left it to the destruction of much timber and the endangering of numerous cabins and camps of provisions. It is an offense about which all have the interests of the country at heart. The justice spoke strongly and advised the culprit that a term of imprisonment would be the portion of the next man who so wantonly destroyed the scanty timber of the country and with such selfish carelessness endangered their neighbors' property.

An Amateur Dramatic Club.

EDITOR NUGGET.

Dear Sir.—As we know your paper to be anxious to further the interests of the camp as well from a social as from a financial point of view, we take much pleasure in informing you that an Amateur Dramatic club has been started in the town under the direction and supervision of Miss Mertie Honck, whose name as a professional operatic and dramatic performer is so well known all over this continent.

Mr. Philip Sheridan, our general organ attorney, an old hand at amateur entertainments has been unanimously voted into the president's chair; Thos. McGowan, Esq., is the vice-president; Geo. S. Wilkins secretary-treasurer, and F. de Journal stage manager.

The first performance of the club will be given on the 10th of October and will consist of a one-act opera by Offenbach, and a roaring three-act farce comedy translated from the French. Other entertainments will follow from week to week, thereafter.

Yours sincerely,
THE COMMITTEE.

Died of Fever.

The body of Peri T. Brown was laid away with appropriate services on Sunday afternoon in the city cemetery. Peri Brown was a young man, 21 years old, from Grass Valley, Cal., and a recent arrival. Typhoid fever claimed him for victim last Friday, and he was buried from his cabin on the Klondike river.

International Mining Exhibition.

The Miners' Association of the Yukon Territory is informally discussing the proposition of making an exhibit at the International Mining Exhibition at Earl's court, London. It is proposed that samples of gold and nuggets from the various gulches be sent, together with samples of everything pertaining to and descriptive of our Yukon country. This would include Indian, dogs, models of cabins, slots,

horns of game, Klondike dress, footweat, samples of our fish, our timber, etc., and the whole of Europe would be vitally interested. We venture to suggest that such an exhibit would be the greatest drawing card in the entire exhibition.

PERSONALS.

Col. Evans came down from Solteik on the Willie Irving Tuesday.

The father of prospectors, Joseph Irvine, owner of 25 above on Bonanza, is in the city for a few days.

R. Biel, well known in theatrical circles in Chicago and on the Pacific Coast, arrived last evening on the Willie Irving.

J. B. Harris, well known on Bonanza creek and tributaries, left yesterday on the Merwin for San Francisco and will return in the spring.

P. J. DeVillie's proposed lead is not improving at all and has been abandoned to the mining which has already been in use for several months.

Captain Harper has returned from his trip up the river installing detachments of the N. W. M. P. at the various up-river points decided upon by Col. Steel.

Dr. E. M. Rintinger reported drowned several times on the rivers and lakes above, is very much interested in the Klondike, the doctor being briskly engaged in erecting his cabin.

M. B. Luther, an old-time Montana and British Columbia miner, has discovered what he says is a quartz ledge, in the vicinity of Dawson, an assay of which shows it to contain mineral.

Among the passengers on the steamer Gov. Pingree was Mr. Lloyd Bots. Mr. Bots and his partner Mr. C. W. Barlow have brought to Dawson a large outfit of spring mattresses which will be placed upon the market in a few days.

Captain Henry Bailey, well known on Puget Sound, is in command of the steamer Phillip B. Low and large New York, which arrived in Dawson Saturday evening. They carry government supplies which will be taken to Fort Selkirk and where the boats will go into winter quarters.

John Burke of the Green Tree has come out with a party of three men on an extensive prospecting trip. They will take four pack animals with them and 700 pounds of grub. Mr. Burke expects he will be gone for a matter of 60 days and hence has taken along a good dog team with which to make the return trip. When their destination, which is near the headwaters of the Klondike, is reached the horses will be killed and used for dog meat.

Prof. Mark Bailey, jr., late professor of ancient languages in the University of Washington, arrived in Dawson on the steamer Gov. Pingree. Prof. Bailey left Seattle early in June and expected to reach this city sometime in July. Through a series of circumstances the boat was detained and hence his delayed arrival. He is representing the interests of a large financial concern which has already secured valuable property in this district. During the winter he will be engaged supervising the development of his company's properties.

Miss Faith Fenton, a brilliant Canadian writer of magazine and newspaper fame, is at Dawson as the authorized writer for the Toronto Globe, Canada's most powerful Liberal newspaper. Her former connections with the Mail and Empire, the "Thunderer" of the Dominion and other papers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, are alone in Canada; her writings been widespread but also in the United States. Miss Fenton came in over the "All Canadian Route" and therefore arrives here several months after the date she had set for her exit. By reason of the delay she will be unable to get through her work and leave before the freezeup.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

There is to be a banquet of "Shrimers" and "Knight Templars" the coming week at the Regina Cafe. Saturday night has been selected for the affair.

Late last evening Jake Kline's cigar stand was robbed of about seventy-five dollars in gold dust. No clue to the thief has thus far been discovered.

Sam Schwartz was chastised on Tuesday morning to discover that during the night some one had abstracted a pair of boots from the front of his store.

The teamsters turned out en masse on Sunday regarding the streets and making it possible for hauling to be done. A special permit was secured for the occasion which granted the teamsters leave to work on Sunday.

ALFRED G. ELLIS, F. K. A. M., and K. P. BROTHERMAN requested to meet at the N. T. & T. Co. office on Thursday evening to draft resolutions of condolence upon the death of Bro. W. A. Cobleigh, to be forwarded to his widow, also to arrange for the disposition of his effects.

Old-timers say that the season is a month behind time this year. If that is the case navigation on the upper river will continue some time yet. The weather during the past week has been as mild as is often experienced on Puget Sound at the same time of the year.

The friends of Col. Davis will be pleased to learn of his convalescence. He was taken across the Yukon to the well-drained flat opposite Dawson and has been nursed back to health by Mrs. Crane. He finds himself very weak from his sickness, but is confident now of speedy recovery.

Eagle City is rapidly coming to the front among the towns on the American side. It will be the distributing point not only for the creeks within its immediate vicinity but for all the creeks entering on the North Fork of Forty-mile as well as the Fork itself. There are a number of residents of Eagle now in Dawson and all are enthusiastic over the prospects of their town.

A miners' association joke is going the rounds. The energetic canvass made for subscribers came to the ears of a "cheep charko" desiring a miner's license. He called on the president of the association and asked for a certificate which, of course, was immediately forthcoming. Luckily just before the name was signed and the money paid, his rambling conversation showed him, in search of a license, not association certificate, and he was sent up to the government building.

Local affairs of the N. T. & T. Co. are now in the hands of Mr. M. A. Hamill, a courteous, affable and agreeable gentleman of long experience in merchandising. Mr. Hamill is by no means a stranger to our people. He is of quiet and unobtrusive manners and favorably impresses all with whom he comes in contact. The gentleman has the best stock of supplies for the country at the bottom left by his predecessor, and Mr. Hamill appears rigidly conscientious in his attempts to do so.

WHO DISCOVERED THE KLONDIKE?

George W. Carmack Was Not the First to Stake or Find Gold.

Taken up into the Gold Belt he forgets to acquaint the man who had befriended him with his own Greater Discovery.

How many people in Dawson outside of the old timers are aware of who was the original discoverer of gold in the Klondike country and to whom we owe our presence in this land of gold. Naturally enough the discoverer is obscure and unknown compared with the men who afterwards came in and staked the rich claims of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks. But the first location was not made there by any means.

John Henderson leaves for the outside on Wednesday and it is but right that some of the misapprehensions regarding the discoverers of Klondike should be cleared away. For years Mr. Henderson had had implicit faith in Indian river and its tributaries. He urged his fellow prospectors to leave the light float gold of the lower river and prospect deeply at higher points where the surface showed nothing. In the spring of 1896 he followed up Indian river and its tributaries until he crossed what is now called the "dome." On Quartz creek he panned out \$600 and staked out discovery claims on that stream, on Gold Bottom, on what is now Hunker creek but then called All Gold creek and on Bear creek. At the Forty-mile recording office he was advised that under the mining regulations he could only record one claim in the district and so he elected to hold the one on Gold Bottom. On his way back in July he met George Carmack and his Indian relatives near the mouth of the Klondike engaged in fishing for salmon. He remarked to his companion: "There's a poor devil. I guess we ought to take him and show him what we have got." Carmack was according invited to go along to Gold Bottom which he did. He staked and stayed around for a while and then started for Forty-mile to record. On Rabbit creek—now Bonanza—he lay down to rest and went to sleep. "Skookum Jim," an Indian relative, proceeded to prospect a little. A pan from the creek showed nothing very promising. Climbing up the hill he got a pan of dirt and proceeded to wash it in the river. That panful was rich in gold and that spot is now discovery claim on Bonanza creek. Proceeding to Forty-mile to record Carmack got drunk and spread the news and was accompanied back by a procession of stamperers. Bonanza was staked and Eldorado also as far as No. 24, and all this time Henderson was quietly getting out since boxes on Gold Bottom and knew nothing of the great strike made by the man whom he had befriended in the first place by taking him up to the country he himself had found to be gold bearing.

And now Carmack has money to throw at the birds at least to throw into the streets of Seattle to be scrambled for, as witness the late papers, while Henderson owns practically nothing but a townsite at the mouth of McQuesten creek and which was granted him but a few days ago by Commissioner Ogilvie and Crown's Land Agent Willison.

The "Willie" Safe.

The old reliable steamer, Willie Irving arrived in Dawson on Tuesday afternoon. The Willie met with a hearty reception in Dawson, by reason of the fact that rumors had been floating around town for several days to the effect that the boat was stuck high and dry on a sand-bar below Five Finger Rapids. Exaggerated stories have been told of the condition she was in but all fears, of course, disappeared when the well known and popular craft made her appearance around the bend on Tuesday. The Willie brought down quite a cargo of vegetables and general merchandise. She will leave for White Horse again on Thursday.

An Association Jewel.

Peter & Peterson, the jewelers, have prepared a lapel pin which they will submit to the proper committee for approval as the official badge of the Miners' Association of the Yukon Territory. It consists of a cross-bar with the engraved letters: M. A. Y. T. and a pendant representing the north star and the midnight sun, with a wreath of leaves circled around the center. The appearance of the whole is very neat and strikingly original, though the design might be more simple and the sun and star more plainly apparent. However, it is purely a matter for the association. The pin is of solid Hunker zolk graded to an 18 karat fineness. Mr. Biddle, the secretary of the association, is, we believe, the designer of the pretty ornament.

Struck her Paddle.

The Aquila has returned from a trip up the river. The water was found to be so exceptionally low in many places that the propeller wheel struck the gravel, bending the tips of the blades to such a degree that it had to be removed and repaired upon her return to Dawson. Her up-river passengers were transferred to the Domyville a few miles below Solteik. The Aquila has taken Captain Hansen to Forty-mile, the Sarah being reported stranded just below. Poultry and game at Portland market